

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of former Kansas Citian Corinthian Clay Nutter on February 11, 2004, at the age of ninety-seven; and

**Whereas**, a resident of nearby Shawnee, Kansas, at the time of her passing, Corinthian Nutter was born on December 10, 1906, in Forney, Texas, as the third of what would be five siblings in the family of Robert R. Ricks and Roxie Anna Ford; and

**Whereas**, after a childhood filled with educational and rewarding experiences as well as exposure to segregation and racial intolerance, Corinthian Nutter sought the benefits of education to escape from the life of menial labor engaged in by her parents; and

**Whereas**, Corinthian Nutter graduated from high school in 1936, completed the junior college program and received a Kansas teaching certificate at Western University in 1938, and earned Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees from Emporia State; and

**Whereas**, while teaching at the all-black Walker Elementary School in Merriam, Kansas, Corinthian Nutter was involved in the Webb versus the Board of Education trial which laid the groundwork for the Brown versus Topeka Board of Education decision that desegregated public schools throughout the United States; and

**Whereas**, Corinthian Nutter was a member of numerous civil rights, service, and honor societies, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, whose sisterhood she shared with Missouri State Representatives Sharon Sanders Brooks, Esther Haywood, and Juanita Head Walton; and

**Whereas**, the late Corinthian Nutter is survived by her loving niece, Carolyn Irving-Powell; nephew, Robert Ricks, Jr.; special nephews, Austin Clay Petty, Tyler Austin Irving, and Austin Kline Irving; and godson, Howard C. Petty, Jr.:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and accomplishments associated with Corinthian Nutter and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to her family members, friends, and colleagues who miss her considerable warmth and light in their daily lives; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Corinthian Clay Nutter of Shawnee, Kansas.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks, #37

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Representative Esther Haywood, #71

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Representative Juanita Head Walton, # 81

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker